

# MEMO

To: CVMC Governing Board Members  
From: Bill Havert  
CC: Katie Barrows, John Saurenman, Kerrie Marshall  
Date: September 5, 2006  
Re: Cancellation of September 11, 2006 Board Meeting

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After discussion with Chairman Marchand, it has been decided to cancel the September meeting of the Governing Board as there are no items requiring immediate action. The November meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13 at 3:00 PM.

By way of updates, the Friends of the Desert Mountains has signed an access agreement with The Wildlands Conservancy and one of their rangers has now taken up residence on site to patrol the site and oversee removal of trash and other debris in preparation for development of the interpretive center and habitat restoration. Full conveyance of the property to The Wildlands Conservancy, with a conservation easement retained by the Friends, is expected to occur before the end of September.

Conservancy staff is assisting CVAG in revising the MSHCP. Staff has also been able to facilitate an agreement for the phased acquisition of 560 acres in the Edom Hill area, on the north side of the Indio Hills, between the landowner and the Center for Natural Lands Management. The landowner had approached the Conservancy about whether we would be interested in acquiring the property; however, the Conservancy has insufficient uncommitted bond funds to pursue acquisition. Staff, therefore, worked with CNLM, which was interested in acquiring the property as a logical expansion of the Willow Hole/Edom Hill Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard Preserve.